

WASHINGTON , Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) made the following statement on the House floor:

"Mr. Speaker, the Budget Committee's reconciliation bill is a vicious example of misguided fiscal and social policy."

"To pay for tax cuts that benefit almost exclusively those whose income is over \$200,000 a year, the bill slashes child support services, food stamps, and foster care."

"The bill guarantees that more foster children will grow up in poverty."

"\$4.9 billion is slashed from child support services alone. As a result, single mothers and their children will be forced to live in poverty."

"And \$844 million cut from food stamps will push another 300,000 children and adults in low-income areas into poverty."

"One in five children in this country already grow up in poverty. It is unconscionable to deliberately increase the number of children in poverty."

"And for what? So that the wealthiest 3% of Americans can have another huge tax cut."

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